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SUBJECT: COMIDEASTFOR VISIT TO KHARTOUM

1. RADM PACKER, COMIDEASTFOR, VISITED KHARTOUM MAY 7-9. THIS WAS FIRST VISIT BY MIDEASTFOR COMMANDER TO KHARTOUM SINCE OCTOBER 1976. IN ADDITION TO STOP IN KHARTOUM RADM PACKER VISITED PORT SUDAN MAY 9-10 WHERE HE HAD LUNCHEON ABOARD USS GLOVER FOR SUDANESE OFFICIALS.

2. IN ADDITION TO MEETING SEVERAL SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS AT AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION MAY 7, RADM PACKER HAD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS WITH MINDEF LT. GEN BESHIR MOHAMAD ALI AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF MAJ. GEN. ABD AL-MAJID HAMID KHALIL IN SEPARATE MEETINGS MAY 8. RADM PACKER USED OPPORTUNITY THANK SUDANESE OFFICIALS FOR SUPPORT OF MIDEASTFOR IN PORT SUDAN. MINDEF AND GEN. MAJID EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SOVIET/CUBAN ROLE IN HORN, PARTICULARLY IN ERITREA. THEY MADE CLEAR THAT THEY LOOK TO U.S. TO COUNTER SOVIET PRESENCE IN HORN BY DIPLOMATIC AND MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR SUDAN.

3. COMIDEASTFOR VISIT ATTRACTED FAVORABLE MEDIA TREATMENT. MINDEF ATTENDED AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION AND
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WAS HOST AT LUNCHEON IN RADM PACKER'S HONOR MAY 8. VISIT COINCIDED WITH ARRIVAL USAF TEAM FOR F-5 DISCUSSIONS. CONSIDERING SUDANESE DESIRE FOR USG SUPPORT AS INDICATED IN PARA 2, VISIT BY RADM PACKER WAS TIMELY AND USEFUL AND WELCOMED BOTH BY EMBASSY AND SUDANGOV.
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